

NATIONAL SAENGERFEST.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

To-day all roads of the musical world lead to Indianapolis. That place will be the center of the musical map for several days. Out of the East and the West, the North and the South, have come Saengerbunds, 50,000 strong, to take part in the great festival of the North American Saengerbund, to join their voices in singing the old songs that have inspired their millions in America and in the fatherland. More than 120 singing societies, hailing from some thirty cities, will be present to compete for the prizes and to take part in the good cheer of the occasion. The New York Symphony Orchestra, with its 100 highly trained male voices, is the nucleus around which the vast volume of harmony made by thousands of voices will gather. In addition, there will be singers of international reputation, such as Schumann-Heink, to take part in the exercises, which will last for several days.

Some 5,000 singers are expected to constitute the grand choruses, and there will also be a chorus of some 3,000 school children from the public schools of Indianapolis, who were divided into fifteen sections, and specially trained for the work by competent instructors. The main exercises will be held in the big Coliseum, which has a seating capacity of about 7,000, and above the singers themselves. Walter Damrosch will be the conductor of the Indianapolis fest. It was his father, Dr. Leopold Damrosch, who organized the New York Symphony Club and made one of the most famous musical organizations in the country. Other prominent conductors of orchestral music will also be on hand to assist him in leading the great multitude of voices.

A million dollars for three days of music might be the title of this story, for that is what it will cost, if not more. Estimating the average expenses of each visitor at \$30—and this is an underestimate—it means that it will cost them \$1,000,000 to be there. If the average distance traveled is 100 miles, it will mean that 5,000,000 miles have been gone over by the saengerfest visitors. One of the most interesting features of the festival will be the forest festival to be held in Germania Park at the close of the meeting. Here thousands upon thousands of people, all loyal American citizens, yet tracing a common heritage back to the fatherland, will meet to sing the songs of their fathers. They are kept alive in his heart and in his memory, and are handed down to his children and to his children's children. Hence, the German-American finds himself in a class all by himself in the perpetuation of the songs of the land whence he sprang. There are probably ten German musical clubs in the United States where there is one of any other recruiting ground of the nation. Whether they be the Turnvereins, saengerbunds, männerchor, or by whatever name they are called, they all represent the same devotion to the songs of the fatherland, and the same determination to keep their music as their memories, and to hand them down to their posterity.

The first saengerfest ever held was that at Wurzburg, Bavaria, in 1845. Singers from all parts of the German empire gathered there, and patriotism ran high and overflowed. So successful was the event that others were held, and in 1850 American Germans followed suit, with their first fest at Cincinnati. There were five cities represented and some fifteen choruses. It was not as large an affair by any means as the ones of the present day, but it was voted a great success, and since then there have been thirty fests, sometimes occurring annually, and sometimes skipping several years. The last meeting of the North American Saengerbund was held in St. Louis in 1903. It was intended to hold it during the World's Fair, but the fair was postponed a year in order to have it completely an opening day, so that the fest was held a year before the exposition.

On that occasion there were some 50,000 people in attendance, and about 5,000 grown-up singers and 10,000 school children took part. One of the features of the occasion was the trip through a famous St. Louis brewery. Realizing that most of the bunders are fond of good beer, the brewer set them down to a brew that is said to have eclipsed anything that had ever tasted even in the fatherland. One of the sights of the fest was the Mark Hanna brazier, brought there by an Ohio contingent. It was a beer pitcher made to resemble the head of the late Senator from Ohio. The likeness of the thing was almost lifelike, and as it was carried in the parade it was recognized by every one who had ever seen Senator Hanna. Louisville was on hand on this occasion with some of that pleasant stuff labeled "Made in Old Kentucky," and no thorough-going bundler was allowed to get away without an opportunity to sample it. That city is also expected to turn out a strong force of singers this week, and to send along a sample of the cup that cheers.

It is estimated that the German musical organizations of one kind and another in the United States have a membership of a quarter of a million. Most of them are men. In addition to those organizations represented in the North American Saengerbund, there are many which give allegiance to the Northeastern Saengerbund. One of the prizes of this organization is a \$20,000 statue of a minnesinger, presented by the Emperor of Germany. At the last meeting of the Northeastern Saengerbund, held in Baltimore, President Roosevelt and Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German Ambassador, went over to Baltimore to greet and to hear the singers. This is believed to have been the only occasion in the history of either organization that the President of the United States attended one of their fests. Recently when the children were being brought together to be trained for the fest, the managers sent out an address to them asking them to say to their parents that they would be admirably cared for, and that their singing halls would not be located over any groggeries.

The little German town of Bethlehem, Pa., has figured not a little in the musical history of America. It was the Bach choir, of this place, consisting of about one hundred singers, that first produced complete in America Bach's stupendous mass in B minor. This was after the be-

ginning of the new century, and the performance has been repeated since then. This choir represents the result of a musical activity of more than a hundred years. When the town itself was founded by the Moravians, they established a Collegium Musicum, and on the foundations they then laid one of the finest musical superstructures in the United States has been erected.

No one has ever estimated the force it requires to successfully render a great local selection, but it must be more than the average mortal could dream of. Such an estimate has been made as to instrumental music, and the results of the calculations are astonishing. A German musician fell to experimenting in this line by placing coins on a key of his piano to ascertain how heavy a weight he would have to make on a key to produce the necessary tone. He found that the minimum pressure was about a quarter of a pound. In Chopin's last study in C minor there is a passage which takes two minutes and five seconds to render. On the basis laid down by this German musician, the aggregate pressure which has to be brought to bear on the keys to properly render this passage amounts to about three tons. Sometimes a note has to be struck with a force equivalent to six pounds of pressure. Pianists often develop wonderful strength in their fingers. It is told of Paderewski that he is able to take a piece of French plate glass half an inch thick, and, laying his hand on it as he does on the keyboard of his piano, break it in two with a single stroke of his middle finger.

Next to the great American saengerbunds, perhaps the greatest body of singers that ever meets in the United States meets as the annual conference of the German Baptist Church, commonly known as the Dunker Church. It has a membership of over 100,000, and the attendance upon these meetings is never under 10,000. Immense tabernacles are provided, which will seat from 5,000 to 8,000 people. During the conferences they frequently have song services, and the good old-fashioned songs of Wesley, Mason, and the rest of them are sung with a zeal and enthusiasm that is almost religious. These people are as a rule good singers and have excellent voices, so that one who hears one of the song services will have something long to remember. The conductor of the music is Prof. George B. Holzinger, of Bridge-water College. As most of these people are of German extraction, they are not vastly different from the Saengerbunds, in that they do not believe in the use of musical instruments in their churches. (Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.)

To-morrow—American Sunday Schools.

GIRL'S SHIRT-WAIST DRESS.



The shirt-waist frock is so indispensable, both to ladies and young girls, that every up-to-date wardrobe must of necessity include several such dresses. Here is sketched a dress for a miss that is not only of excellent style but suitable for home development. A dotted batiste is the material used for the waist, the skirt being composed of linen. The waist is in the latest mode, the three-quarter sleeves being cut in one with it, thus avoiding armhole seams. The tucks are becomingly placed to give added length to the shoulders, and are extremely smart. The skirt is an eleven-skirted, box-pleated one, fitting smoothly at the hips and flaring modishly below. Any preferred tub fabric, as well as taffeta or pongee, may be used to develop the dress, 1-7/8 yards of 44-inch goods being needed for the skirt. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. The price of these patterns is 20 cents, but either will be sent on receipt of 10 cents by the Pattern Department, The Washington Herald, and indicating numbers 4376-4377 and size wanted.

RIVER SAIL IS ENJOYED.

Christian Associations Give a Benefit Moonlight Outing.

A large crowd of young people went down the river last night on the moonlight sail of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Christian Endeavor societies, given for the benefit of the Southeast Boys' Club. The association orchestra, under the direction of Donald B. MacLeod; the association mandolin club, and the association choir, furnished the musical entertainment. The singing was under the direction of Percy S. Foster.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR GIRL

By HELEN ROWLAND.

Matrimony is a life job with long hours, small pay, hard work, no holidays, and no chance to "give notice" if you get tired of it. Marrying a widower is like inheriting an heirloom; marrying a grass widow is like getting second-hand goods that somebody else has been anxious to get rid of.

After all, a wife has her uses—even if it only as a protection against other ladies' breach of promise suits. A pretty wife in a soiled kimono affects a man like a pate de foie gras served on an old tin plate; it takes away his appetite—for love.

A man always feels deeply injured when his wife refuses to believe the story that he has worked all the way up in the cab to make sound interesting and perfectly plausible.

It always surprises a woman when the son who has been tied to her apron strings suddenly gets tangled up in some chorus girl's shoe strings.

A man's idea of a perfectly loyal, devoted woman is one who will deceive another man for his sake.

FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

"I dislike to hear women say that they have everything they want and are perfectly satisfied," said a matron one day, and she shuddered when she said it. She explained her remark by declaring that she had never seen a case of that kind without seeing disaster following closely on its heels.

Disaster follows on the heels of every one of us, catching up sooner or later. Sometimes we dodge it successfully for years, but it sticks to the end. Contentment is all too rare in this world, and if the belief that it brings misfortune gets a foothold we shall see still less of it. Life is streaked, very streaked, and the amount of fat is not always a matter of choice, but being happy and contented is not going to induce the proportion, and joy is bound to come to others through it. Preaching the creed of restlessness is not doing the world a bit of good, even though the avowed object is to stimulate ambition.

The mother of a young woman who earns her own living, and something more, told me that she had never heard the girl wish for anything in her whole life. She seemed to think herself extremely fortunate, and a small gift or favor gave her a deal of pleasure. I know the girl, and under her sunny nature and happy philosophy I think I have discovered a determination to attain things of which her unobtrusive mother has no suspicion. The girl is a beauty lover, and bit by bit she is going to feed her appetite. In the meantime she is accepting conditions of life as they are, because she cannot remedy them.

It is rare wisdom that tells her the foolishness of wasting energy in discontent. Her ambition will not be affected the least but by her attitude toward life. One summer I met a refined, scholarly man and a daughter who devoted herself to him. They had a small income in which they passed a quiet but enjoyable life by economizing nine months of the year to spend the other three in travel. Neither had expensive tastes, and there was never a doubt of the sum they could command, but it gave them little more than simple comfort. A more contented girl I never met, and there are times when I wish I might I might be so contented to produce them as living examples of the blessing of contentment.

Of course, they might have more of this world's goods by working hard, but they would lose a great deal by it. To work because it is necessary is one thing, to work from choice is another, and if bread and butter is provided one is perfectly justified in spending the days to taste, always provided the laws of the land are observed. In the suburbs of large cities can be found families living ideal lives, avoiding the struggle and noise of the city, and enjoying the quiet life in idleness. They have many interests, and do a deal of good in the world, but they have found contentment and kept it. In a way progress means something more than material possessions, for one can move in the wrong direction and be very much of a nuisance. It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and the young artists and the young men who have the easy part of life. Why is it not quite as commendable to take care of what one possesses as to struggle to get more? And what is the use of struggling at all, if the best reward is a BETTY BRADEN.

MUSIC PUPILS GRADUATE.

Washington College Gives Diplomas and Certificates.

The Belasco Theater was crowded to its capacity yesterday afternoon at the first annual commencement of the Washington College of Music, Incorporated. The graduates were Maria Lee Goodwin, Miss Carrie Louise Sanders, and Miss Ethel Tozier, who took artists' diplomas in piano; Miss Magdalene Wright, Daisy Johnson, and Miss Maude Catherine Edmunds, who took teachers' certificates, and Miss Gertrude Reuter, soprano, and Mr. Richard Backing, tenor, who took teachers' certificates in singing.

The graduates were assembled upon the stage with the president of the college, Mr. Sydney Lloyd Wright; Mr. S. Monroe Fabian, and Rev. Alfred Harding, D. D. The young artists were almost deluged with flowers and gifts from friends. The programme was an interesting and creditable one, and showed much talent among the pupils. It was as follows:

Violoncello, Op. 5, No. 2.....Chopin
The Last.....Glinka-Balakirev
Miss Sanders.
"Adieu, Forest" ("Jeune d'Arc").....Tchaikovsky
Mrs. Frances Thomsen.
Graduate pupil of Mr. Wright's, '04.
Sonata, Op. 35.....Chopin
"Love's Autumn".....Owst
"Prayer" ("Rienzi").....Wagner
Etude en forme de val.....Saint-Saens
Rhapsodie No. 11.....List
Miss Tozier.
"Longing".....Richard Strauss
"Dich, theure Halle" ("Tannhauser").....Wagner
Miss Reuter.

DEATH OF JOHN CAMMAK.

Funeral Services Will Be Held on Monday Afternoon.

Funeral services for John Cammack, life-long resident and prominent business man of this city, who died suddenly at his home, 2533 Brightwood avenue, Monday afternoon, will be held from his late home, Friday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, with requiem mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Cammack was born in this city seventy-five years ago, and had lived here ever since. When a young man he engaged in the florist business, and followed it for years. He was a director of the Columbian National Bank, and of the Washington Loan and Trust Company. He was also prominently connected with the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the Franklin Fire Insurance Company, the Columbia Title Insurance Company, and the Real Estate Title Insurance Company.

Mr. Cammack is survived by his wife and two children, a son and a daughter. The daughter is Mrs. Anna Hardisty, of this city, and the son is John Edmund Cammack, who is attending a college at Emmitsburg, Md.

He was a member of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association, and it is expected that organization will be officially represented at the funeral.

WILL BE CITY OF FIRE

Wonderful Programme Outlined for the Fourth.

HEAVENS TO BURN BRIGHTLY

What Washingtonians Will See When Opening of Municipal Building Is Celebrated—Pyrotechnic Display Will Surpass Any Ever Seen in the National Capital.

According to the programme for the illumination of Pennsylvania avenue and the new Municipal Building, July 4, a display of fireworks will be given that will eclipse anything of the sort heretofore seen in the National Capital.

At 8 o'clock on the night of the "Glorious Fourth" the firing will begin. Set pieces have been eliminated, but every kind of aerial display that human ingenuity can suggest will turn the heavens above the city into a gigantic fairland. During a continuous bombardment of Lydite shells, bombs, and Gatling batteries of colored bullets, silver snakes will wriggle up into the air, hissing realistically; birds of Paradise will soar among fiery, floating Japanese blossoms; swarms of bees and clouds of yellow jacks will buzz about, adding to the confusion of pyrotechnic beauty; large flower pots will rise mysteriously from the ground and as mysteriously burst, spreading red, blue, and white flowers in hundreds; and as a climax to the scene, an aerial flower garden will be produced by the discharge of 250 American beauty skyrockets.

Varied Programme Planned.

Following is the programme of the display:

Illumination of Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the Capitol for one hour.

One hundred Lydite shells, as used at twentieth century celebration, New York, January 1, 1901, fired from 15-inch guns. Three hundred pounds colored fire.

Discharge of twenty Gatling batteries, 124-inch, fired in flights.

Discharge of ten bombshells, three break, as 30-inch, fired in flights.

One hundred Gatling batteries of colored bullets.

Twenty mammoth fireworks balloons, displaying as they pass over the city suns, silver spray, radium flashes, &c.

Seventy-two 8-pound American beauty rockets.

One hundred pieces 15-inch bombshells, floating in the air, high in air.

Ten saucisson bags, releasing high in air swarms of bees and yellow jacks.

Discharge of eighteen 4-pound fancy rockets.

Eruption of twenty-four 8-pound fancy effect rockets.

Twenty-four giant fountains, assorted effects.

Bombardment, produced by the discharge of twenty-five Gatling batteries.

Twenty bombshells, 124-inch, fired in flights.

Discharge of thirty-six fancy rockets, four-pound, resembling an old-fashioned flower garden, high in air.

Five bombshells, 24-inch, at a height of 600 feet, releasing 100 parachutes.

Bombardment, produced by the discharge of twenty-five Gatling batteries.

A cross-fire of 10,000 colored bullets.

Ten 30-inch bombshells, three break, each breaking three times high in air, and each break a different and pleasing effect.

Austillade, twenty-five Gatling batteries, rapid discharge of colored bullets crossing and intersecting each other.

Twenty-four fancy rockets, eight-pound, floating in the air, high in air.

Wire, ten nests of silver snakes, writhing and hissing as they rise high in air.

Grand finale—The aerial flower garden, produced by the discharge of 250 American Beauty skyrockets.

MORE CHANGES IN G. P. O.

High-salaried Employees Are Transferred by Public Printer Leech.

Public Printer Leech yesterday abolished the layout section of the Government Printing Office, and transferred Robert A. Martin, chief layoutman, to a compositor's position, at approximately the salary he was getting.

W. B. Hyde, a layoutman at \$1,740 per annum, was sent to the bindery as a bookbinder at 50 cents an hour, and Albert P. E. Doyle, another layoutman, at \$1,740 per annum, was sent to the job division as a compositor at 55 cents an hour.

Several other divisions came in for cuts and transfers, among them being T. F. McKee, assistant chief jacket-man, at \$2,000 a year, who was transferred to the section of the week-end notices of the day; ten nests of silver snakes, writhing and hissing as they rise high in air.

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"THE BUSY CORNER"

99c and \$1.95 a pair
for sample shoes to-day

Women's—Values from \$3 to \$6, \$1.95.

Children's—Values from \$2 to \$3, 99c.

In spite of the tremendous buying of Monday and Tuesday, we still have a great assortment of styles left. Washington hasn't seen such a shoe sale as that of Monday for years. The varieties and the number of the highest-priced styles are so great that it is something unusual, and women bought lavishly. Those who were so unfortunate as to be kept away on the first two days of the week will have another chance to-day.

AT
\$1.95
AT
99c
Second Floor.

Women's Shoes in a great variety of styles, including Colonial Pumps in all leathers, One, Two, Three, and Four Eyelet Ties, Button Oxfords, many fancy styles; Tan Calfskin Button Oxfords, with white tops; Patent Kid Pumps, with white calf collars. Worth from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

Children's Shoes, also misses' sizes, in nearly every style that children are wearing this season, in sizes 10C, 10 1/2B, 13C, and 13 1/2B principally, and leathers are shiny, dull, and kid leathers; values, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

FANSLER GETS APPOINTMENT.

Takes a Position in the Bureau of Statistics.

I. N. Fansler, who has acted as assistant secretary to the Chamber of Commerce since the installation of Thomas Grant as secretary, has received an appointment in the Bureau of Statistics, and will take up his new duties at once.

The special committee appointed to take charge of arrangements for the entertainment of the Virginia Editors' Association, which will visit this city on July 10, 11, and 12, announces its general plans as completed. The editors, who will come to Washington from the meeting of their convention at Newport News, will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a reception and luncheon at the headquarters in F street soon after their arrival in the city.

This, it is supposed, will be about noon on July 10. The afternoon will be given up to sightseeing; each of the newspapers will be visited and the editors will probably be shown through the Government Printing Office. On the evening of July 11 the steamer Jamestown will take the members of the association and the members of the Chamber of Commerce down the Potomac on an evening excursion.

UNIVERSITY CONGRESS OPENS.

Summer Session Begun at the George Washington University.

The summer session of the George Washington University opened at University Hall last night. N. B. Durham was elected president and Paca Oberlin clerk. A general discussion of appropriation bills was indulged in by Messrs. Fravel, Kennedy, Sunderlin, Heimbeck, Stull, Holmes, and Oberlin.

The next meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The question for discussion will be "Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be required to incorporate under Federal law." Mr. Oberlin will open for the affirmative and Mr. Sunderlin will close. Messrs. Kennedy and Fravel will defend the negative.

PET DOGS ARE GOING MAD.

Stray Canines Are Exonerated of Being Responsible for Rabies.

Pet dogs and not stray dogs are responsible for the spread of rabies, is the opinion of the medical experts at the Pasteur laboratory of the Marine Hospital, Twenty-fourth and E street northwest, where emergency cases have been treated for the last month.

An investigation of eighteen cases shows that fifteen of the patients were bitten by pet dogs, while only three were attacked by stray animals.

It is the opinion of Passed Assistant Surgeon John F. Henderson and Arthur M. Stinson, of the Hygienic Laboratory, the latter in charge of the Pasteur treatment, that the only proper and adequate relief from the epidemic is to have all dogs muzzled.

BANK CLERKS PLAN OUTING.

Will Go to Marshall Hall Saturday on Annual Outing.

The Washington bank clerks promise that the sixth annual outing of their organization to Marshall Hall on Saturday will be the most successful affair of its kind ever given by them.

Field events and athletic sports will be the feature for the afternoon, while a special programme of dances has been arranged for the evening.

The athletic numbers will include races, a tug-of-war, and other interesting contests. The following committee will be in charge of the week-end outings of the day: B. Devereux, vice chairman; A. B. Claxton, treasurer; A. C. Flather, secretary, and Messrs. Stowell, Haynes, Bedford, Herrell, Stevens, Grant, Dalymple, Payne, and Baulist.

EXCURSIONS.

The reduced rate round trip tickets of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, good from Saturday to Monday, are on sale as usual for the week-end outings of the day. In no way interfering with this programme, for the latter, combination tickets, covering in addition to boat expenses to Old Point Comfort accommodations at the Hotel Chamberlin, are on sale weekly. Friday tickets bring the traveler home Monday morning, Saturday tickets Monday morning, or at little greater expense one may prolong the stay to Tuesday morning. The increasing demand for accommodations each week evidences recognition of the attractive scope of these trips. Boat sail on the days named at 6:30 p. m., with regular sailings daily at the same hour. Detailed information may be had at Seventh street wharf, or at 705 Fourteenth street.

Where to pass one's evenings is a problem to which beautiful Chevy Chase Lake furnishes an excellent solution. Here are attractions to meet every one's fancy, both of the mind and of the body. Marine Band concerts are given nightly in the artistic band stand, around which are provided seats for several hundred. The same music is provided for dancing, the great pavilion being crowded every evening. There is no charge for admission. Frequent changes of subjects, are made at the Motion Picture Theater, which is one of the most popular spots at "the lake."

A trip to Chevy Chase is never marred by inclement weather, discomfort, or uncertainty, for the car service is adequate under all conditions.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. To The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

E. O. LEECH WINS TENNIS TITLE

Defeats Wells for Championship of Le Droit Club.

Five Sets Necessary to Decide Match. Victor Receives Handsome Gold Medal.

The finals in the singles of the annual spring tournament of the Le Droit Tennis Club were decided on the courts of the club, at Thirteenth and T streets northwest, yesterday afternoon, and were marked by some of the fastest and most sensational playing seen in this city this spring. E. O. Leech winning from H. M. Wells.

Five sets were necessary to decide the match, and so fast was the article of tennis put up that the large gallery which surrounded the courts was greatly augmented by the crowd attracted to the scene by the forceful manner in which their enthusiasm was given vent to. Wells at all times plays a steady game, and he was picked by many as having the better chance to win first honors, but Leech played a most brilliant game yesterday, his fast smash stroke finally landing him the victor. Scores, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 17-15. Mr. Leech will receive a handsome gold medal awarded by the club.

The doubles are down to the semi-finals now, and in this afternoon's match A. J. Leech and Stabler will play Leech and Heath in the upper half, while in the lower half W. F. Boyle and Proctor are slated to meet E. O. Leech and Willis.

CANCEL STREET CONTRACTS.

Commissioners Act on Recommendation of Corporation Counsel.

Regardless of the opinion of Corporation Counsel Thomas, recently submitted, that the Commissioners were justified not only in issuing orders for paving in advance of appropriations, but that they were not exceeding their authority in dividing the street work in March, 1907, between the Cranford Construction Company and the Brennan Construction Company, Engineer Commissioner Morrow, at a conference of the Commissioners yesterday, recommended that orders for new street work be canceled, and that no new orders of grade sheets be given under that contract during the rest of the present fiscal year, where emergency cases have been approved.

In the canceled orders there is about \$45,000 worth of work, provision for which was made in the deficiency appropriation. The Commissioners decided that they would not be justified in allowing the contractors to operate under a deficiency appropriation in the new fiscal year, when the act of appropriation permits carrying forward into the new fiscal year any balance left at the end of a current year.

The opinion of the corporation counsel concerning the Brennan contracts was submitted in the form of a brief, which thoroughly covered every point raised by the counsel for the two companies.

DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET.

Investigation of Apartment Disaster Must Await Grand Jury.

Contrary to a report circulated yesterday that the date for the beginning of the Commissioners' investigation of the District building department had been set for July 13, it was learned late yesterday afternoon that no definite date has been set.

Commissioner Macfarland said the date must necessarily depend upon the action of the grand jury, and that the investigation will probably begin immediately after the findings are received.

DEFEND BENSON AND DIMOND.

Attorney for Men Accused of Land Frauds Begins Argument.

The close of the first of the final arguments covering the government's case against Hyde, Benson, Dimond, and Schneider in the Oregon land fraud trial, and the opening of the arguments by Birney and Vanderveer for the defendants, Benson and Dimond, respectively, occupied all the time yesterday in the Criminal Court before Justice Stafford.

Assistant Attorney General A. B. Pugh concluded his argument just before the hour for the noon recess, and immediately Mr. Birney began his defense of Benson.

At the opening of court this morning the attorneys for the defense will continue. When they have completed their case, United States District Attorney Baker will close the case, and it will be given to the jury.

Must Submit New Bids.

That bids submitted for the furnishing of forage and ice to all departments of the Federal government are too high, and fit only for rejection, is the substance of a letter received by the District Commissioners from Beekman Winthrop, Acting Secretary of the Treasury. New bids will be submitted. The reason for the action of the board of awards is that the bids are out of proportion to the existing prices.

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AMUSEMENTS.

TOURNAMENT DAY

AT THE ELKS' GREAT

Rural Jubilee and

Barn Dance

AT BENNING RACE COURSE

Best fun ever with the Elks. Were you in the big